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ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR YOUTH ALCOHOL AND DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

Sacramento, Calif. - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger today awarded \$3.7 million to 18 counties for youth alcohol and drug prevention programs that foster academic achievement.

"Prevention programs are an investment in our youth," said Schwarzenegger. "Alcohol and drug use among teens in California is at historic lows, in large part because of the success of prevention programs."

According to the 2006 California Student Survey on Drug Use, students reported a 23 percent overall decline in drug use over the past five years.

Eighteen counties this week will receive the first \$3.7 million installment of a competitive five year grant. Counties will use the funding to provide prevention services to youth not normally served by state or local educational agencies and based on local need. Priority populations include high-rate drug users and binge drinkers, youth in foster care, and young people with parents in treatment for substance abuse.

"It is our responsibility to help our youth make the right decisions," said Renée Zito, Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. "Studies have shown that delaying the age of first use significantly lessens the likelihood that youth will experience problems associated with alcohol and drug use."

The funding is provided under Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC), which is part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Funds are shared by the Schwarzenegger Administration and the California Department of Education. The governor has directed ADP to administer the Administration's portion of the grant. ADP works in collaboration with the Department of Education which is responsible for the schools' portion. The primary goal of SDFSC is to reduce drug, alcohol, tobacco use, and violence, through education and prevention activities in the nation's schools and communities.

About the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs

ADP leads the state's efforts to reduce alcoholism, drug addiction and problem gambling in California by developing, administering and supporting prevention, treatment and recovery programs. ADP's vision is that Californians understand that alcoholism, drug addiction and problem gambling are chronic conditions that can be successfully prevented and treated. For more information please visit www.adp.ca.gov

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As listed each County will receive:

County Name	<u>Proposed Year 1 Amount*</u>
Alameda	\$220,000
Butte	\$220,000
Del Norte	\$198,000
El Dorado	\$122,288
Kern	\$220,000
Marin	\$220,000
Mendocino	\$220,000
Napa	\$213,695
Placer	\$205,393
Riverside	\$220,000
San Bernardino	\$195,665
San Luis Obispo	\$215,930
San Mateo	\$220,000
Santa Cruz	\$220,000
Shasta	\$219,850
Sonoma	\$219,902
Sutter-Yuba	\$204,900
Tulare	\$220,000

* grant amounts are pending finalization of grant award agreements